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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Status Report on the National Psychological Effort  
and First Progress Report of the Psychological  
Strategy Board

1. I am forwarding herewith the above subject document on which there is a National Security Council deadline of 15 August.
2. This is not a good report and I am certain both State and Defense are of the same opinion. It is lacking in specific factual information and contains too many relatively meaningless generalities. It does not really give a clear or meaningful picture of the status of this Government's general psychological effort. Except for recommended revision of the two general conclusions on pages 1 and 2 of the report, State and Defense have submitted no comments of consequence. Notwithstanding all this, I do not feel that it is either up to us or worth the time and effort of this Agency to rewrite the report either ourselves or in conjunction with State and Defense. However, I am forwarding for your consideration: (a) a revised draft of the two general conclusions referred to above, as Annex A, and (b) some specific comments which I believe will correct major inaccuracies, as Annex B. The revised general conclusions are being coordinated with State and Defense, and I have been informed that they are acceptable to them.
3. Unless you feel that the CIA staff comments in Annex B are of sufficient importance to warrant further delay and coordination, I recommend you approve the report with the revisions noted in Annex A, above, and that you merely attach Annex B for the information of the Psychological Strategy Board.

(Signed) FRANK G. WISNER

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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